

Reading Comprehension: How Do You Know?

The hardest sheet. Some answers are not written anywhere, and one asks what a word means here.

Name: _____

Date: _____

1 Read the story, then answer

Question a asks what a word means in this story, not in a dictionary.

The Umbrella That Would Not Open

Tanvi set off for school with the old black umbrella from the shelf. Halfway down the lane the sky turned dark and the rain came down hard. She pushed the button but the umbrella would not open at all. By the time she reached the school gate she was soaked from head to foot. Her friend Imran took one look at her and burst out laughing. Then he pulled a spare shirt out of his bag and gave it to her. Tanvi stopped feeling cross with him after that.

- a. What does **soaked** mean in this story? _____
- b. How did Tanvi feel when Imran laughed? How do you know?

- c. Why did Imran give Tanvi his spare shirt? _____

2 Read the story, then answer

Two of these answers are not written in the story. You have to work them out.

The Trip to the Zoo

Ritu's class went to the zoo on a trip. Their teacher told them to stay in pairs and not to feed any animal. At the bird cage a peacock spread its tail and the class went quiet. At lunch two boys shared their tiffin with a monkey that came over the wall. The teacher was not pleased. On the bus home nobody said a word.

- a. What does **stay in pairs** mean here? _____
- b. The teacher was not pleased. How was she feeling, and how do you know?

- c. Why did nobody talk about the monkey? _____

Parent tip: never accept a feeling on its own. Ask for the line in the story that proves it. Answers are on zigzu.co/pages/reading-comprehension-for-class-2